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Information dated up to the middle of November 1950 did not indicate any change in the disposition of Soviet ground forces in the Soviet Zones of Germany and Austria. The influx of recruits from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany, which began on 26 September, ceased at the end of October. The departure of troops due for demobilization from the Soviet Zone of Germany to the U.S.S.R., which began in October, was still in progress during the first half of November. It is therefore impossible to give a final estimate of the ratio between incoming replacements and troops due for discharge. Meager and inadequate information makes it necessary to accept previous estimates on the disposition of Soviet ground forces in Poland, Hungary and Rumania.

GERMANYOrder of Battle Data.

1. Reports received between 1 November and 1 December confirm the over-all disposition of the Soviet ground forces in the Soviet Zone of Germany until mid-November.
2. The following units and rear services installations in the Soviet Zone of Germany, with [REDACTED] location, and date of observation were confirmed [REDACTED]

## a. GQG Units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG).

500th Motor Trans Regt  
1st Arty Div  
53rd Central Repair Shop

12th Tank Repair Shop

500th Ration Supply Depot  
520th Ration Supply Depot  
Main Clothing Depot

Main Medical Depot  
Main Fuel Supply Depot

KRAMPNITZ 4 November  
POTSDAM 21 October  
BERLIN-OBER- 26 October  
SCHOENEWEIDE  
MUELLROSE 24 November  
KIRCHMOESER 20 November  
SATZKORN 2 November  
FRANKFURT/O 23 November  
BERNAU 19 November

FUESTENLAIDE 20 November  
VELTEN 23 November

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Main Ordnance Shop  
A Repair ShopJESSEN  
WILDAU23 November  
1 Novemberb. Eighth Guards Army.220th Hvy Tank SP Regt  
Army Fuel DepotGLAUCHAU  
MUECHEN-  
BERNSDORF17 November  
24 November

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112th Gds Rifle Regt  
Hq 20th Gds Mecz Div  
65th Gds Mecz Regt  
Hq 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div  
174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt  
68th Gds Mecz Regt  
70th Gds Mecz Regt  
114th (?) Gds Mtrcl BnPLAUM  
JENA  
WEIMAR-NOIRA  
NAUMBURG  
WEISSENFELS  
HALLE  
HALLE  
HALLE18 October  
20 September  
11 October  
26 October  
28 September  
28 September  
4 October  
26 Octoberc. Third Shock Army.136th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt  
Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div  
283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt  
288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt  
74th (?) Tank SP Regt  
Hq 18th Mecz Div  
60th Mecz Regt  
1054th How Arty RegtBURG  
SCHWERIN  
HAGENOW  
WISMAR  
SCHWERIN  
PERLEBERG  
PARCHIM  
PARCHIM or  
LUDWIGSLUST19 November  
3 November  
9 October  
October  
27 October  
14 November  
19 October  
October

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d. Second Guards Mechanized Army.180th Field Hospital  
50th Gds Tank Regt  
Hq 1st Mecz Div  
35th Mecz Regt  
219th Tank RegtGUESTROW  
NEUSTRELITZ  
DOEBERITZ  
DOEBERITZ  
DOEBERITZ11 October  
21 October  
17 November  
28 October  
28 October

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e. Third Guards Mechanized Army.91st Gds RL Regt  
Hq 14th Gds Mecz Div  
49th Gds Mecz Regt  
Hq 6th Gds Tank Div  
51st Gds Tank Regt  
52d Gds Tank Regt  
53d Gds Tank Regt  
385th Gds How Arty Regt  
Hq 7th Gds Tank Div  
54th Gds Tank Regt  
55th Gds Tank RegtTREBBIN  
JUETENBOG  
JUETENBOG  
WITTENBERG  
WITTENBERG  
WITTENBERG  
WITTENBERG  
WITTENBERG  
ROSSLAU  
ROSSLAU (?)  
ROSSLAU4 November  
28 October  
28 October  
30 October  
29 October  
29 October  
29 October  
2 October  
8 October  
8 October  
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f. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army.

93d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt	[REDACTED]	BAD FREIEN- WALDE	29 October
118th Sig Regt		EBERSWALDE	30 October
296th Gds AT Arty Regt of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig (?)		unlocated	2 October *
12th Mobile Arty Shop		KETSCHENDORF	16 November
35th (?) Gds Mecz Regt		BERNAU	10 October
676th How Arty Regt		BERNAU	3 October
95th (?) Mtrcl Bn		BAD FREIEN- WALDE	3 October
22d Gds Engr Bn		BERNAU	28 October
Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div		FUERSTENWALDE	18 November
288th Gds AAA Regt		FRANKFURT/ODER	15 October
468th Gds Mort Regt		FRANKFURT/ODER	16 October
111th Tank Regt		PRENZLAU	28 October
61st Gds Tank Regt		DOEBERITZ area	28 September
248th Gds RL Bn		KHAMPNITZ	19 November

Movements.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it can now be considered confirmed that the [REDACTED] was transferred from its former billeting area to the [REDACTED] area.

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Soviet units which, [REDACTED] definitely belonged to the 19th Gds Mecz Div, were observed on 8 November in a barracks installation on Jerichower Strasse, MAGDEBURG, which had been reconditioned during the summer. Motor vehicle [REDACTED] have been observed [REDACTED] in the barracks installation on Jerichower Strasse and in the Herrenkrug Kaserne, MAGDEBURG, since the middle of October. These reports confirmed the previous assumption that the 19th Gds Mecz Div, upon completion of its summer training at Letzling Heath, remained in the MAGDEBURG area rather than returning to its former billeting area in ZOSSEN-WUENSDORF.

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Training.

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5.

[REDACTED] most of the Soviet units returned to their home stations by the end of October or the beginning of November, having completed their summer training or the fall maneuvers. These reports were confirmed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that the troops had departed for their home stations by the end of October. It is therefore believed that the summer training period was completed by that time and that, following an interval of maintenance on weapons, equipment and vehicles, the winter training period began at the military posts about the middle of November. The winter program will presumably stress the training of recruits, who have meanwhile been assigned to all units, and the absorption of those recruits into the combat units. The combat efficiency of the units in the Soviet Zone of Germany, which attained an exceptionally high standard upon completion of the summer training period and the fall maneuvers, will decline somewhat during the forthcoming weeks because of the large number of replacements and the departure and demobilization of trained personnel.

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Personnel.

6. The influx of recruits, which began on 26 September, ended on 26 October. All reports covering this period indicated that a total of 33 shuttle-trains with recruits, averaging 50 to 55 box-cars, definitely arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany and that 9 additional trains are believed to have arrived. The number of recruits who were shipped to the Soviet Zone of Germany during this period is estimated at 45,000. The departure of personnel due for demobilization, which began in October, continued throughout the first half of November. Nine trains carrying such personnel were definitely identified to have left the Soviet Zone of Germany. It is highly probable, however, that twice that number of trains left between 15 October and 15 November. Most of these trains left the Soviet Zone of Germany via KUESTRIN and some via FRANKFURT/ODER-POZNAN. Information on the arrival of replacements and the departure of trained personnel has been obtained [redacted]

[redacted] Credible reports indicated that, prior to their shipment to the U.S.S.R., personnel due for demobilization were assembled at collection points in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Such collection points were located in WEIMAR for the elements of the Eighth Gds Army, in BAD FRIEDENWALDE for the elements of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, and in JUSTENBOG for the elements of the Third Gds Mecz Army and possibly also for those elements of the First Gds Mecz Army which are stationed in the MEISSEN area. It is doubted that the departure of trained personnel, included among which were MVD officers and Eia, should have been completed by the middle of November. It is therefore still impossible to state whether the personnel shipped out for demobilization equalled the replacements who arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

7. There has been no change in the volume of leave traffic through FRANKFURT/ODER. However, large shipments of officers from the U.S.S.R. began arriving in FRANKFURT/ODER at the beginning of November. Between 800 and 1,000 officers have been observed during the period. From FRANKFURT/ODER, they were shipped to distribution points in the Soviet Zone of Germany, e.g., in DRESDEN and MAGDEBURG. The officers are believed to have been recent graduates of officer schools in the U.S.S.R.
8. After an interval of several months, the first train with Soviet dependents due for repatriation was observed leaving the Soviet Zone of Germany eastbound on 13 November. Trains repatriating Soviet dependents were last observed in May 1950.

MVD Units.

9. No substantial changes in the disposition of MVD troops in the Soviet Zone of Germany have been observed since September. Reports on rail movements indicated that MVD replacements arrived together with army replacements.
- a. Information on an MVD camp on Regattastrasse and Bohnsdorfer Strasse, BERLIN-GRUENAU did not furnish any indications as to whether the Hq MVD Troops Germany was located there. It is believed that the camp quartered only an MVD signal unit.
- b. MVD units were confirmed in the following towns:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Month of Confirmation</u>
ANNABERG	Mehmert Factory		October
BERLIN-BIESDORF-KAULSDORF			November
CHERLINITZ	Artillerie Kaserne	1 or 2 battalions	October

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<u>Town</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Month of Confirmation</u>
DESSAU			September
DRESDEN	Luftkriegs Schule	1 battalion	October
HALLE	Reil Kaserne	1 battalion	November
LEIPZIG	barracks installa- tion on Viertelsweg	1 battalion	November
ZWICKAU	Roth Factory	1 company	October

- c. Although it was believed that MVD troops had been withdrawn from GUESTROW in the spring, there have now been indications that an MVD unit may still be stationed in the restricted area on Schwaaner Strasse. GUESTROW. [REDACTED] the unit belonged to the MVD regiment which was previously located in the GUESTROW-SCHWERIN area.

- d. Reports on military posts indicated the probability that no MVD troops were stationed in COTTBUS, FRANKFURT/ODER, or WEIMAR in October.

#### Supply.

11. Three reports on the Soviet supply installations in the Soviet Zone of Germany will be forwarded separately. \*\*

#### Transportation.

12. As in October, the general transportation situation continued to be critical in November. The shortage of boxcars and gondola cars was particularly acute.
13. Rail traffic across the border crossing points continued to be normal. A total of 267 eastbound freight trains, i.e., a daily average of 8.6 trains, passed through FRANKFURT/ODER in October. Sporadic information up to 10 November indicates that rail traffic in November did not exceed the normal volume. The same applies to the KUESTRIN, GUBEN, and FORST border crossing points. HIRSCHFELDE on the ZITTAU-GOERLITZ railroad line was opened as a new border crossing point but exclusively for local coal shipments.
14. The stocks of locomotive coal available to the Soviet Zone railroad system on 10 October were as follows (in tons):

	Hard coal	Brown coal briquettes	Coal dust	Total
Service coal	5,069	31,418	121	36,608
Emergency reserve	145,400	34,500	-	179,900
Total:	150,469	65,918	121	216,508

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These stocks represent reserves adequate for a period of 12 days.

15. Construction projects.

Work on the following new construction projects was started:

- a. Reconstruction of the single-track TAUBENDORF-FORST section of the GUBEN-FORST line. The completion of this project will establish a link between the GUBEN and FORST border crossing points.
- b. The reconstruction of the single-track link between the FRANKFURT/ODER and KUESTRIN border crossing points was completed. Work has now been started on the construction of a 1,000-meter link, south-west of KUESTRIN/KIETZ between the BERLIN-WERBIG-KUESTRIN and the FRANKFURT/ODER-KUESTRIN railroad lines.
- c. Further progress was made on the reconstruction of the second track of the JUETERBOG-SUELZIG section of the BERLIN-HALLE railroad line.
- d. Work on the electrification of the GRUENAU-KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN section of the BERLIN interurban railroad system had to be temporarily suspended because of a shortage of materials.
- e. Negotiations were started between German and Polish railroad authorities on the reconstruction of the second track on the FORST/GUBEN-SAGAN railroad line which is of importance for the Upper Silesian industrial district.
- f. The PETERSDORF-DAD SAAROW/West and the WRIEZEN-THORINGSWERDER line sections were dismantled in order to obtain rail material for other construction projects.

16. Miscellaneous.

- a. The refrigerator shuttle-trains used to supply the Soviet Zone of Germany with meat, fat, and fish from the U.S.S.R. stopped operating.
- b. The park of passenger cars in the Soviet Zone of Germany as of 3 October amounted to 11,150, of which 8,638 were serviceable.
- c. The road bridge construction projects in the Soviet Zone of Germany are reported separately. \*\*\*

AUSTRIA - WESTERN HUNGARY.

17. The general dispositions of the Soviet occupation troops of the Central Group of Forces in Austria remained constant up to mid-November.

18. Training.

According to reports [redacted] the GIK units and the elements of both the 13th Gds Lecz Div and the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which had moved to the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds for summer training, returned to their home stations by the middle of November. No information is available on any shipments of replacements and supplies which may have arrived in Austria or shipments of trained

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personnel who may have left Austria for demobilization. It is believed, however, that the personnel turnover with the units in Austria was about the same as with the units in Germany. It is also believed that the standard of training and the combat efficiency of the two divisions in Austria equals that of the divisions in Germany.

19. No information has been received from Western Hungary.

EASTERN HUNGARY - RUMANIA.

20. The Soviet troops in the KECSKEMET-CEGLED area, estimated at about one tank or mechanized division, were confirmed until the end of October. No information has been received on Soviet troops in Rumania.

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21. According to reports [redacted] a number of Soviet troop trains went toward LIEGNITZ via PRZEMYSL-KRAKOW in September. The trains may have carried replacements and supplies for the Soviet units stationed in the LIEGNITZ area. There is a possibility, however, that the troops who went to the LIEGNITZ area were new units from the U.S.S.R.

22. Soviet tank units were again observed in the city of LIEGNITZ in September. It was also reported that Soviet units had reoccupied billets during the summer which were previously vacant. According to previous data, a high-echelon headquarters, possibly an army headquarters, is believed to be located in LIEGNITZ. The units subordinate to this headquarters are believed to include the 20th Tank Div, elements of which were reportedly observed in the OPPELN-BRIEG area and in the NEUHAMMER area. The tank units observed in LIEGNITZ were probably components of this division or headquarters units of the high-echelon headquarters.

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23. [redacted] westbound shipments of weapons, including armored vehicles and artillery pieces, passed through BEUTHEN in late September and early October. The weapons are believed to have been supplies from the U.S.S.R., consigned either to Soviet units or to Polish Army units in Silesia.

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25. [redacted] reported that the Hq Sixth Army was dissolved in the spring of 1947 and that elements of the army headquarters were merged with the Hq Eleventh Army in RIGA, Latvian S.S.R.. Previous reports

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indicated that the Hq Sixth Army, probably the Hq Sixth Gds Army, was located in SHAULYAI, Lithuanian S.S.R., and was dissolved there in the spring of 1947. The report on the merger of elements of the Hq Sixth Gds Army with the Hq Eleventh Army is not discredited. The Eleventh Gds Army was employed in East Prussia at the end of the war and was last confirmed in the Baltic MD [redacted]

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[redacted] It is conceivable that the Hq Eleventh Gds Army was moved to RIGA after the war and is now in command in the northern portion of the Baltic MD.

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26.

[redacted] the institution and award of the Medal for the Distinguished Service for the Protection of Public Security [redacted] is given to MGB Militia personnel. [redacted]

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